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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/OER
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SUBJECT : Briefing Alert - Joint Economic Committee

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1. The annual "do" for the JEC is upon us. Today [redacted] and the Congressional Support Staff met with Committee Chief Counsel Richard Kaufman to sort out just what will be wanted. The results were:

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2. The briefings on the Soviet and Chinese economies will generally follow last year's outline. The two countries will be treated on separate days, however. The DCI is now scheduled to brief on the USSR on 26 June. China will be done at a date in July yet to be determined, but probably after [redacted] returns from China. The DCI is not expected to do China. A senior NFAC official will be asked to do that briefing. In both cases CIA will precede DIA.

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3. The briefing on the USSR will cover the state of the economy and defense expenditures in both dollars and rubles. [redacted] has responsibility for the economy; [redacted] responsibility for the defense costing. Please get drafts to CSS by c.o.b. 12 June to permit editing, reproduction, packaging, and initial delivery to the DCI by c.o.b. 16 June.

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4. The China briefing will cover the economy and a short discussion of Chinese military expenditures. [redacted] is in charge of the economy; [redacted] the costing. A due date to CSS will be set once we have received a briefing date from the Committee.

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5. Please get graphics in early to [redacted]. We will be using vugraphs. Six sets of color prints should be made from the vugraphs and those on the Soviet

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side should be ready by c.o.b. 14 June. One set of these will be provided to the Committee and will be published as black and whites in the final report. Hence, high color contrast is desirable.

6. This year, as before, we will be asked to provide unclassified summaries of the briefings within a few weeks of their presentations. Then we will be asked to declassify the transcripts. Both documents will be published by the Committee.

7. The main subjects--the Soviet economy and the Chinese economy--should each be kept to about 30 pages of text. Soviet and Chinese defense expenditures should be about 15 and 5 pages respectively.

8. We will be receiving a set of questions from the Committee shortly. The JEC would like to have as many of these as possible answered before the hearing. These will be farmed out when received.

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9. Any problems or questions, call CSS red or black

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